

Alternative Placements

As discussed previously under *Reduce*, the Department has contracted additional placement options across the Commonwealth to ensure the Department offers a continuum of alternative placements and reduces the population in JCCs. CPPs are highly structured, disciplined residential programs in the JDCs for committed youth with the goal to place residents closer to their home communities to facilitate an easier transition after release. The CPPs' focus is to develop competency in the areas of education, life and social skills, and employability skills and to receive services to address specific treatment needs and risk factors. In addition, 11 JDCs are participating in detention reentry¹¹ for youth who are in the process of transitioning back to their communities. As of June 2016, committed youth can also undergo admission and evaluation at a JDC. The process is highly similar to the JCC process, and evaluations include medical, psychological, behavioral, educational and career readiness, and sociological. The Department intends to increase CPPs and other alternative placements as location and capacity indicate. During FY 2018, two beds were added to Virginia Beach CPP and three beds were added to Merrimac CPP, bringing the capacity from 84 to 89.¹² During FY 2019, two additional beds were added to the Virginia Beach CPP and eight beds were added to Rappahannock CPP, bringing the capacity to 99.

New Facilities

Smaller, therapeutic facilities will improve the care provided for youth placed in the JCCs who often have deep exposure to trauma, behavioral health issues, educational challenges, and serious offense histories. The Department continues to work on the development of a new JCC for the Tidewater area.

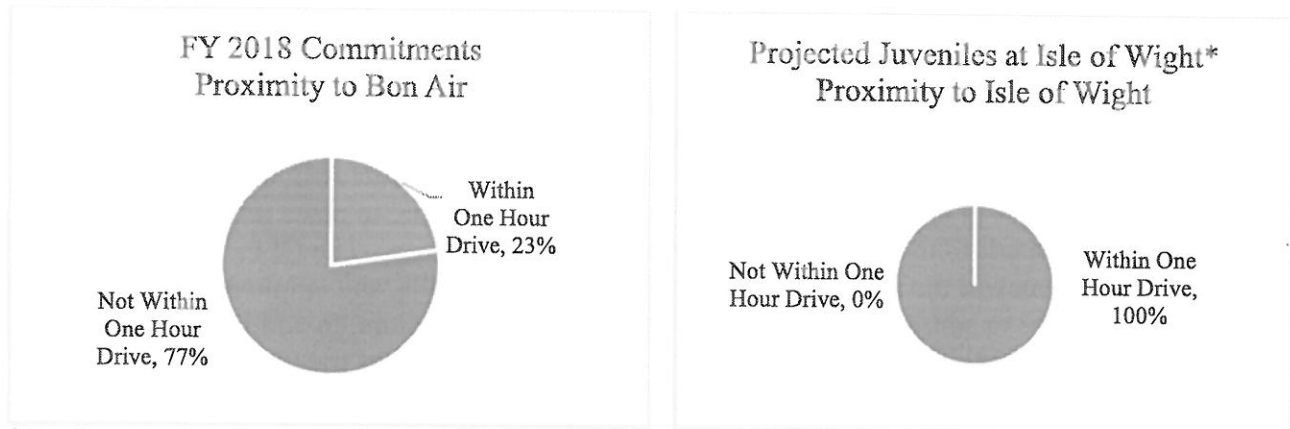
In November of 2017, after two years of work, the Chesapeake City Council, failed to approve the transfer of land to the state that would have allowed the project to proceed. During the 2018 General Assembly Session, the capital project, titled, "Construct New Juvenile Correctional Center, Chesapeake," authorized in Chapters 759 and 769 of the 2016 Acts of Assembly, was then changed to "Construct New Juvenile Correctional Center, Isle of Wight."¹³

The DGS, with the cooperation of the Department, will construct a new JCC in Isle of Wight. The 60-bed state-operated facility will serve committed youth in need of a long-term secure placement whose home community is in the Tidewater area. Youth from other areas would be housed at Bon Air JCC until planning is completed and decisions are made regarding future facilities. One of the many benefits of this facility will be the proximity of youth confined there to their home communities – facilitating connection and engagement with their families, supports, and service providers.

¹¹ Detention reentry programs are for youth in direct care, which allow them to begin transitioning back to their communities 30 to 120 days before their scheduled release date.

¹² An additional five CPP beds may be used at any CPP based on need and availability. These five beds are not included in the total mentioned above.

¹³ Language in the 2016 Acts of the General Assembly (Chapters 759 and 769) was rescinded.



* Based on FY 2018 commitments, at least 60 juveniles lived within a one hour drive from Isle of Wight.

The Division of Real Estate Services under DGS is negotiating with the Isle of Wight County Economic Development Authority and County Board of Supervisors, for the details for commitment and transfer of the property site acreage located at the Shirley T. Holland Industrial Park in Windsor, Virginia. A Public Meeting of the EDA and Supervisors, including authorities representing the Town of Windsor was held in Windsor on July 20, 2018. It is anticipated that other public or citizen information meetings for project presentations and community Q&A will occur as scheduled in the future.

The DGS will determine options for a second JCC to be located in Central Virginia. However, the property located in Central Virginia now housing the Bon Air JCC and consisting of approximately 427.97 acres is excluded from any option or consideration as a Central Virginia JCC location. DGS will report location options for a Central Virginia JCC to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations, Senate Finance Committees and the Governor by October 31, 2018. DGS, working with Chesterfield County, Virginia, shall determine a fair market value and the highest and best use of the Bon Air JCC property mentioned above and report its preliminary findings to the Chairmen of House Appropriations, Senate Finance Committees, and the Governor by December 1, 2018.

In addition, the General Assembly directed DGS to determine the highest and best use for the property located at 3500 Beaumont Road in Powhatan County, Virginia, (formerly known as Beaumont JCC). In determining such use, DGS shall (i) estimate revenues and costs from any sale or development of the entire property or any portion thereof, and (ii) the viability of various options for potential use of the property by DOC, Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), and the Department. DOC, DCR, and the Department will provide DGS information and assistance, if requested. DGS shall provide the results of its study to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations, Senate Finance Committees, and Governor by October 31, 2018.

SUSTAIN

The Department is committed to sustaining the efforts of the Transformation Plan by maintaining safe, healthy, inclusive work places; continuing to recruit, retain, and develop a team of highly skilled and motivated staff; and aligning procedures, policies, and resources to support the team in meeting the goals of transformation.